

Beaver Creek Fire

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Morning Release

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Beaver Creek Fire Dry Air Moves Over Fire

(WALDEN, Colo.) July 3, 2016 – Yesterday firefighters took advantage of cool moist air to prepare remaining structures for future fire growth. After the recent cool wet weather night infrared flights identified hot spots that remain inside the fire perimeter.

Firefighters on the Beaver Creek Fire may see single and group tree torching as the sun and decreased humidity dry out fuels. As the weather transitions to warmer and drier conditions, crews are enhancing structure defense and patrolling for hot spots accessible from roads. Dozers are finishing up contingency lines and firefighters are identifying additional rehabilitation opportunities.

Temperatures today are expected to reach 73 F with 10 to 20 mph northwest winds. Possible afternoon thunderstorms are not expected to bring precipitation to the fire. The drying trend is predicted to continue into next week.

Firefighter and public safety are a priority. Incident Commander Jay Esperance tasked firefighters at morning briefing, “to reengage in situational awareness and be prepared for change. Look around and don’t become complacent as the fire behavior transitions. The fire will wake up, be ready for it.”

Fire Facts:

Acres Burned: 13,275

Firefighters Assigned: 357 * This number may rapidly change as resources are being demobilized due to current strategy

Percent Contained: 5%

Located 15 miles northwest of Walden, CO

Evacuation Orders remain in place

For information regarding structure damage or loss, call Jackson County Sheriff’s Office 970-723-4242

Cause under investigation: information or tips call U.S. Forest Service Officer Hannah Nadeau 307-343-2335

Closures orders for U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

Information posting: Twitter at: @FS_MBRTB, hashtag #BeaverCreekFire. Facebook: Beaver Creek Fire.

Official information on the fire is being disseminated via Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797/>

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